

West Lafayette Beautification Award

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Robert Larew and Brenda Jurich

Combine a large lot in University Farm, a home fitting into its landscaping and the talents of two dedicated gardeners, and you have 729 Lagrange Street. Built in 2001, this home's landscape design was created by Shawn Sullivan, and planted by the homeowners. They have had many success stories and a few defeats, but admit it has been a fun ride meeting the challenges of soil and weather pitted against a palette of unusual plants. There are many different dwarf conifers, flanking several varieties of hydrangeas and ornamental grasses. Established plantings of bergenia and sedum provide fall color, along with Brenda's favorite flower this year, "Senorita Rosalita" Cleome, a new hybrid that blooms all summer without setting seed. Vines are extensively used in the garden on several surfaces and include wisteria, honeysuckle and clematis.

Trees are a very important element of their landscape plan and each gardener has a favorite. Rob remembers the elms from his hometown and has planted three Liberty elm trees, a Dutch Elm Disease resistant variety of the American Elm. Brenda likes the Zelkova in addition to a row of hornbeams flanking the driveway. She recalls conversations with Helen Lillich about the importance of trees in the landscape, especially along the street. Brenda Jurich and Rob Larew are to be congratulated on creating and maintaining an outstanding home landscape.

